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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled in the East, steady to barely steady elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair. Food service was light to fairly good, best for restaurants, catering businesses, and fast food specials. Offerings were adequate to ample and attractively priced to help clear. In the parts structure, trading entering the weekend was light, but improved in some areas caused by increased interest and retail ads. Wings and bone-in breasts were adequate to tight, boneless skinless breasts were not as plentiful but still at least sufficient along with the remaining parts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/11-12/16/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
(Including branded product)			WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Chicago	48.00-52.00	47.00-55.00	50.38	24
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	47.00-49.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	58.00-61.00	47.00-63.00	60.34	80

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
613	58.20-62.75	61.26

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	123.50	4,678
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.00	1,075
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	26.50	8,275
WINGS	81.50	2,812

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for deliveries into Chicago next week were unchanged from last Monday's final. The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings of Wogs were heavy and whole birds limited. Movement into all channels reported as atypical for Friday with retail orders slightly lower and food service orders irregular. Catering and restaurant demand was best. Floor stocks were in full range, sizes desirable. Parts trading was seasonal. Supplies were plentiful, except for wings, which were available to tight. The market tone was steady on wings with the balance of items mostly steady, instances weak.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, however, dealers remained cautious and purchasing was limited. Offerings of all sizes were readily available, and were often discounted to stimulate additional interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was mostly weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to tight, and wings were closely balanced to short. Boneless skinless breasts were generally adequate to available. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majorities were unchanged. Trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings remained ample for full trade needs. Buyers needs limited and sharper discounts did little to stimulate interest in extra product. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend clearances. Trade sentiment strong on wings, weak on breasts and about steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 57-69, whole legs 99-129, thighs 69-129, drumsticks 69-129, wings 129, split breasts 78-149, boneless breasts 179-399, boneless thigh meat 159, boneless leg meat 98-118; Northern California - whole body 79, split breasts 199; Denver - split breasts 129-199, boneless breasts 187, thighs 99, drumsticks 99, cornish hens 99; Southern Arizona - whole body 79, split breasts 79-169.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Demand was light to moderate and improved in some areas due to retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were in better balance and received increased inquiries; however, the remaining breast items were fully sufficient with lower pricing noted. Wings remained in the strongest position with product well cleared to tight, and dark meat was more than adequate for the limited demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend, but remained insufficient to clear the readily available offerings. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 2 cents lower at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was generally weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, buyer interest centered mainly on tight supplies of bone-in breasts and wings. Boneless skinless breasts were under increased demand, however, supplies were generally adequate. Other cuts were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		47-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		54.11
NO. OF BOXES		11,613
CUMULATIVE	12/04/00-12/08/00	55.21
	12/06/99-12/10/99	57.82
NO. OF BOXES	12/04/00-12/08/00	59,374
	12/06/99-12/10/99	47,254

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

DECEMBER 08, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	886	98.00-192.00	120-125	126.37		941	98.00-192.00	120-125	124.51		4,430	127.69
TENDERLOINS	342	135.00-235.00	140-145	197.19		177	135.00-235.00	135-140	149.89		994	169.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	64.00-67.00	64-66	65.17				TOO FEW TO REPORT			416	64.76
FRONT HALVES	115	49.00-55.00	-	51.87				TOO FEW TO REPORT			430	56.28
LEGS	124	30.00-46.00	30-32	30.52		160	29.00-46.00	29-30	33.25		728	33.14
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	422	18.00-23.00	18-19	19.02		422	18.00-23.00	18-19	18.92		2,110	19.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,581	22.00-28.00	23-24	24.15		1,661	22.00-28.00	22-24	24.22		7,955	24.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	306	77.00-82.00	80-81	80.84		266	77.00-82.00	-	81.12		1,490	80.35
WINGS (CUT)	605	87.00-107.00	90-92	94.41		630	87.00-108.00	90-93	94.49		2,887	93.99
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				24	65.00-85.00	-	74.67		188	71.50

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 07, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

33.50 - 39.00

35.45

**RANGE****AVERAGE**

33.50 - 37.50

34.71

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

38.08

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** End of the week trucklot buying increased as improved dealer interest, coupled with attractive sales activity in the retail sector, gave the market some momentum moving into the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available, although not as burdensome as in earlier week trading. Bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to occasionally tight. Wings were balanced to short of full needs. Dark meat items were more than sufficient for current call. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts and wings. At least steady on boneless-skinless breasts, no better than steady on dark meat cuts. ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

DEC 07, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	113.76	716,040		110-115	114.77	716,640		113.293	612,104
TENDERLOINS	130-135	132.63	173,760		130-135	131.13	187,360		136.98	845,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	54-55	60.72	272,160		55-56	61.18	316,320		60.68	1,507,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	54	57.65	159,800		55	58.80	198,920		55.50	897,600
LEGS	34-35	37.51	206,240		35	55.31	311,080		36.64	1,282,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.13	585,593		21	77.47	479,121		22.70	2,796,111
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.57	200,010		33	09	223,630		33.67	1,057,050
THIGHS	30-31	37.12	160,010		35	13	146,670		33.55	942,049
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.09	65,720		82	94	61,800		82.45	294,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	86.04	327,000		84	01	367,400		85.68	1,766,820
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	96,640		10	12	12,08		96.280	12.04 457,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.54	86,480		40	45	44.68		101,280	44.51 463,250
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.76	118,880		65	70	69.79		144,400	69.86 621,860

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	12/08	12/07	12/06	12/05	12/06	12/05	12/01	11/29
ALA	3,839	3,852	3,887	3,907	4.98	5.06	3,759	5.09
ARK	5,741	5,306	4,867	5,197	4.90	4.95	5,458	4.85
DELMARVA	2,090	2,298	2,294	2,356	4.96	5.00	1,926	4.88
KY-LA-TN	1,733	2,029	2,062	2,021	4.50	4.54	1,982	4.52
MISS	2,817	2,866	2,807	2,684	5.14	5.16	2,790	5.13
NC	2,708	2,680	2,606	2,502	5.77	6.01	2,746	5.88
TEXAS	2,313	2,296	2,268	2,341	4.96	4.98	2,271	4.82
TOTAL	21,241	21,327	20,791	21,008	5.03	5.09	20,932	5.03

MON-FRI 105,463(A)

104,312(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08 & 09-Dec-00 is estimated to be 31,779,000 up 1.94 percent from a week ago and down 2.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 32,631,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Dec-00 is estimated to be 152,557,000 head up 4.3 percent from a week ago, and up 0.7 percent from a year ago (Last week 146,306,000 Last year 151,438,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	76
DUCKS	133
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-103
	ICE PACK 92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-112
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	152-165

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Nov 25, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	30,197	17,326	34,042
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.16
% of total /1	37%	21%	42%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	23,915	26,502	38,173
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.21
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,456	25,637	33,432
Avg Weight	3.79	4.88	6.07
% of total /1	31%	30%	39%
To date/2000	1,538,288	1,551,445	1,895,946
To date/1999	1,492,803	1,455,081	1,904,923

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	146,306 (A)	1,876	1,346	3,222	474
AVG WT	4.93	3.37	8.00	5.30	6.56
LAST WEEK	111,581	1,134	944	2,078	376
YR AGO	154,008	2,090	1,439	3,529	489
AVG WT	5.08	3.63	7.70	5.29	6.51
TO-DATE/2000	7,371,715	90,451	69,232	159,683	21,555
TO-DATE/1999	7,241,313	98,719	67,746	166,465	21,180

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 148.1 millionhead or 2.5 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 05, 2000**

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .72	Silkie 3.50 -4.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.52 - .64	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 -.32
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .42	Pigeons 2.00 -2.90ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.20 - .42	White Pigeons 2.25 -2.60ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .68	Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.00 -1.42
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .74	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .70 -1.10
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.20	Bunnies 1.00 -7.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 -5.50 ea.	Guinea Pigs .05 -1.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 -3.50 ea.	Kid Goats 25.00 - 45.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .18	Doves 3.00 -4.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .32	Pullets 4-6 LBS .50 -.72
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 -.94	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 -.86	

Total Coops Sold 822

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 04-DEC-2000

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-67
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83
	73-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,VV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Sizes were desirable. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50 .

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-DEC-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

MILLION HEAD WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 28	155.9	151.9	103	5.14
NOVEMBER 4	158.5	150.2	106	5.01
	11 159.5	147.1	108	5.12
	18 150.7	144.4	104	5.06
	25 112.9	143.2	79	5.20
DECEMBER 2	148.1	145.6	102	4.93
YEAR TO DATE	7463.7	7335.1	102	
DECEMBER 9		148.2		
	16	146.1		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	12/09/00	12/02/00	% CHG	12/11/99	% CHG
Broilers	152,557	146,306*	+04	151,438*	+01
Cattle	668	671	0	661*	+01
Hogs	1,995	2,024	-01	1,996*	0
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were unchanged on light canners, slightly higher on the heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good, best on heavies. Supplies were in close balance adequate for trade needs. Undertone was steady to fully steady mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-24 MAJORITY	29-33.5 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-26 MAJORITY	30-34.5 MAJORITY 32-34.5

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly normal processing schedules. Demand was fair at best and generally unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of leghorn hens. Schedules were at or near capacity. Finished sales were moderate to good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Slaughter schedules continued full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The market tone was at least steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was good for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were good. Schedules were increased. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants schedules irregular with some flocks cancelled for continued egg production. Offerings ample after the first of the year.

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